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NOTICE.

THE INDEX, now completed, to the Reports and Transactions of the British Association for the Advancement of Science from the beginning of its labours in 1831 to 1860, was projected by Professor Phillips while holding the office of Assistant General Secretary. He had hoped, by the cooperation of his friend Mr. Griffith, and the aid of Mr. William Askham, who had been engaged in many ways as an able and zealous assistant at the annual meetings and in the printing of the volumes, to have been able to see this work finished before retiring from office. By the regretted death of Mr. Askham an unexpected delay occurred, and a larger share of personal labour has fallen on the present Assistant General Secretary.

The Proceedings of the Association, except those of the first Meeting, are printed in two portions; the first consisting of Reports and Researches in Science, which have been drawn up by request of the General Committee, and a larger number of Communications offered to the several Sections composing each Meeting. For each of these portions an Index has been prepared and printed in the Annual Volumes.

The present work is not merely a collection of these separate elements into one Catalogue; it was intended to bear the character of a revised and arranged Table of Reference, assigning to each Author his share of the work, to each Place the descriptive passages, and to each Subject the principal notices relating to it. It was thought desirable to continue the plan of separate reference to 'Reports' and 'Sectional Proceedings,' and to construct for each of these parts, separate registers of 'Authors,' 'Places,' and 'Subjects.' In cases where Reports were drawn up by Committees appointed by the Association, all the Members of the Committee have usually been quoted as Authors, though in some instances only one signature is annexed, and in others, as in the Report on Zoological Nomenclature, the principal features of plan and execution were impressed by one mind firmly directed to every part of the subject.

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